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WASHINGTON, June 25, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 20 totaled an estimated 18.1 billion ton-miles, 6.0 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 25 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 427.5 billion ton-miles, up 2.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 20 totaled 412,146, up 4.7 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 1.0 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.3 percent in the East and 8.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 11 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 4,898 cars (17.3 percent), and metallic ores increased by 2,985 cars (19.4 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 13 totaled 101,481 trailers and/or containers, 5.5 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 24 weeks of the year was 2,306,334 trailers and/or containers, up 3.2 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/20/87:

	Loadings in Week ended June 20, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	33,228	I	4,898	17.3	D	80	0.2
Other farm products	6,517	I	2,379	57.5	I	1,163	21.7
Metallic ores	18,362	I	2,985	19.4	I	259	1.4
Coal	115,937	I	55	0.0	I	227	0.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,898	D	98	0.7	D	1,022	6.8
Nonmetallic minerals	9,409	D	227	2.4	D	622	6.2
Grain mill products	10,794	D	86	0.8	D	571	5.0
Food and kindred products	10,708	D	198	1.8	I	66	0.6
Primary forest products	10,421	D	435	4.0	D	348	3.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,600	I	200	2.4	D	37	0.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,333	D	774	5.9	I	129	1.1
Chemicals and allied products	24,993	I	2,545	11.3	D	1,042	4.0
Petroleum products	5,054	I	198	4.1	I	28	0.6
Stone, clay and glass products	10,546	D	1	0.0	D	630	5.6
Coke	5,548	I	827	17.5	I	1,021	22.6
Metals and products	8,814	I	1,211	15.9	I	126	1.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,004	D	2,113	9.6	D	1,390	6.5
Waste and scrap materials	8,841	I	723	8.9	D	82	0.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,666	D	332	11.1	D	216	7.5
All other carloads	75,375	I	6,775	9.9	D	1,043	1.4
LCL traffic	98	D	13	11.7	I	12	14.0
Total Cars Loaded	412,146	I	18,519	4.7	D	4,052	1.0
Corresponding week of 1986	393,627						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (25 weeks)	9,610,790	9,435,005	I 1.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
24 Weeks ended June 13	409.4	400.3	I 2.3
Week ended June 20	18.1	17.1	I 6.0
25 Weeks cumulative	427.5	417.4	I 2.4

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